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## They Have A Right To Run

There are so many appeals for help, all of them worthy, all of them hard to resist.

Nobody can give heed to all of them. But the appeal for Crippled Children is one which it is impossible to ignore.

Children have a right to run and skip and jump in the spring sunshine. They have a right to go splashing through puddles in red rubber boots. They have a right to climb trees.

It wrings the heart to see children who must drag their feet; children who cannot coordinate their muscles; children to whom every step is a deliberate challenge in balance.

The strides that have been made even in the past few years, in training sufferers from cerebral palsy to walk without staggering, to take their place among normal children without suffering embarrassment, have been phenomenal.

Much of the progress has been due to efforts of the Crippled Children's Association.

It all costs money.

But who wouldn't contribute to a fund which helps a handicapped child to stand erect, to play with other children on their own terms, and to look forward to a useful future?

The Easter Seal campaign is on. DO something about it!

As a thank offering that YOUR child can run and jump and splash in the puddles in bright red boots!

## Pupils Of Louie Ayre To Present Recital

Louie H. Ayre will present the following piano students in an Ensemble Recital, Sunday March 15th at 2:30 p.m. in St. Clement's Parish House, Lockhart Street, Wilkes-Barre — Debbie and Donald Angen, Gwen Arnaud, Ann Barnes, Roshan Billimoria, Cathy Cayley, Cathy Cawcos, Lorene Daring, Charline Donna and Christine Demmy, Caylon Edwards, Mark Evans, Nancy Gordan, Joanne Gensel.

Ann and Robert Graham, Jane Gilmarin, Glenda and Patti Larson, Katharine Loveland, Nancy Love, Stephanie Lindaur, Eric Martin, Alda Maturi, Brian McGartney, Nancy Micky, Mary Miller, Megan and Susan Moore, Diane Morgan, Anne Moyer, Joan Nelson, Sally Otto, Maertha Parkhurst, Brenda and Paula Richards, Tom Rowett, Susie Stouffer, Susan Strye, Patricia Wilde.

## Local Students Earn Good Citizenship Awards

Margaret Fleming, Dallas High School, and Patricia Kanasky, Lake-Lehman High School, will be presented Good Citizen awards with twelve other Wyoming Valley students this Saturday, 2 p.m. at the Adams room of Hotel Sterling. The students were chosen by their schools for qualities of good citizenship and will take competitive exams in American History. The contest is sponsored by the Good Citizens Committee of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Lydia Jones is chairman of the Wyoming Valley Chapter's Good Citizen's committee and will introduce the girls to the membership and present the awards. Also invited to attend the meeting are mothers of the award winners, Roshan Billimoria, Rotary exchange student from India attending Dallas high school and members of the Frances Slocum Society, CAR, which is sponsored by the DAR.

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### Like Farm Stuff?

If you're interested in farm machinery pertaining to farming, the place to go this weekend is Charles Long's annual auction in Sweet Valley. His yards are loaded with an amazing assortment of used machinery, as well as new, all of which must go Saturday, because Mr. Long has maintained a famous policy of refusing to sell on the Sabbath. If the air is nippy and snowy, as it was last year, you can retreat inside for an interval of hot soup, coffee, homemade pie and what-have-you. A highly recommended event.

Incidentally, Wayne Weaver Jr. is running a similar auction in Centerville in a couple weeks.

### Seen and Heard

Overheard: a judge has informed state police that the "no passing" rule on Memorial Highway should be enforced strictly only below Duke Isaacs'.

### The Coal Peddlars

Every year, a strange phenomenon occurs in this area: Transient coal-peddlers from Shamokin wheel and deal in the Back Mountain area. Apparently the demand in this county, the coal capital of the state, is larger than the supply, because they sell their loads.

If they don't sell them, they leave their big semi-rigs in Wilkes-Barre, took a bus back to Shamokin, and come up again the next day.

Prices vary, according to the weather. The ones I met last week at the Lake were having a tough time getting rid of their coal, which was stove-size and not much needed anyway, what with 60 degree temperatures outside. To add to the problem, the ground was so muddy from the quick thaw that they couldn't get their truck into many driveways.

To make a quick profit, the coal-peddlers must know a likely prospect in advance, and should be able to sell off in large lots, so they don't spend valuable time cruising around with a ton or two to get rid of.

One would have to be an unusual breed of man to try to make a living that way, I would think. My friends were sort of basic and carefree (one sported a goatee) and were still casting an eagle eye around at 10 in the evening for a buyer. "It won't hurt to try," seemed the prevailing attitude.

I understand that quite a few of these peddlars sell in this area successfully and also around Wilkes-Barre, where you'd think there would be enough coal already. In buying from them, it would seem to be a good idea to have a healthy regard for the laissez-faire spirit on which America grew great, i.e., know what a ton of coal looks like.

On the other hand, I don't know that our civilization has progressed to such an advanced state that it's unnecessary to know a ton of coal when you lay money out for it.

## Body Lies In State In Beloved Church

Mrs. Irene Adams lay in state on Tuesday in the church to which she had given lifelong devotion.

Rev. Kirby Jones, pastor of First Christian Church of Sweet Valley, was assisted by Rev. Pat Loftis, a former minister, and Rev. William Hughes in conducting services for a valued member of the church and of the community.

Burial was at Oakdale. Pallbearers were Wilbur Shaw, Carl Smith, Richard Skronski, Thomas, Donald and Larry Adams.

Mrs. Adams, 56, and in failing health for the past six months, died Friday night at Nesbitt Hospital where she had been admitted to the medical service on Thursday.

A lifelong resident of Sweet Valley, she was the former Irene Smith, daughter of the late Harry and Grace Goss Smith. A staunch supporter of First Christian Church, she taught Sunday School for sixteen years.

She was a member of the WCTU, treasurer of the Missionary Society, a member of Ladies Aid, sang in the church choir, and served as chairman of the Home Missionary Society.

She is survived by her husband, Andrew; daughters: Mrs. Betty Edwards and Mrs. Joyce Thomas, and a son, Robert, all of Sweet Valley; sisters: Mrs. Pearl Oberst, Bloomsburg; Mrs. Lillie Lord, Huntsville; Mrs. Stella Kittle, Mrs. Arlene Adams, and Mrs. Louise Shaw, all of Sweet Valley; Mrs. Phyllis Stronkski, Pringle; Mrs. Netta Kochoer, Lehman; brothers: Daniel Smith, Harveys Lake; Lawrence Smith, Sweet Valley; and Wayne Smith, Chester; six grandchildren.

Arrangements by Bronson.

## Truckville Native Dies In New York

Mrs. Mary L. Hessel, native of Truckville, but not having lived in this area for almost fifty years, moving to New York in 1905, died in Knickerbocker Hospital last Wednesday after several months of illness.

Burial was in Hollenback Cemetery on Saturday, Rev. Burke Riperv and Rev. Robert D. Daffin conducting services from the Harold Snowden Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hessel was daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lafey, and widow of Albert C. Hessel, a former director and officer of the W. F. Hessel Co., New York City, who died almost eleven years ago. She is survived by sisters: Mrs. Victoria Blannett, Wilkes-Barre; and Mrs. Charlotte Purcell, Arizona.

## Rambling Around

By The Oldtimer — D. A. Waters

You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink.

This old saying is brought to mind by the relatively new movement to relieve unemployment by sending boys and girls to school longer at public expense. Secretary Wirtz in a recent speech said that 3,500,000 teenagers holding or hunting jobs should not be in the labor force at all. He thinks about two million should still be in school, on an advanced basis, the secretary apparently has fallen in with the recommendations of the Educational Policies Commission of the National Education and the American Association of School Administrators.

Present child labor laws were originally passed to correct abuses in industries, where children, even very young ones, worked excessive hours in unhealthy conditions. But the worst times were over a hundred and twenty-five years ago. Do gooders keep bringing them up over and over as if they were recent. Now we have such excessive regulation that working at all for anyone under twenty-one is the exception rather than the rule. In some industries and trades, unions frown upon taking on youngsters in order to keep their crafts selective and working longer hours.

We seem to have arrived at the point where every child entering high school is immediately considered a problem child in one of three categories: first, he may drop out; secondly, he may slide along on the line of least resistance with easy courses and much fun; and third, he may really study and plan to attend college.

The dropouts furnish many, but not all of the juvenile delinquents. With the second group of easy-going they make up a lot of the unemployed. The last group form a different problem as they are increasing even faster than the population increase and threaten to flood the colleges. The rapidly changing times make increased education almost mandatory and professionals estimate that a majority of all high school graduates will require additional training within a few years.

The Educational Policies Commission has come out with a proposal that public school training be made two years longer, without selectivity, and without charge, as a matter of right. They assume that removal of all barriers to two years of college training will immediately create in youngsters, many of whom never had it before, an intense desire to learn. But the present day colleges promptly throw out loafers and drones after a year or even a semester. A guaranteed two year course would not even permit this. Perhaps the pupils would have to be

spoon-fed to keep them in school.

Two year colleges, even public ones, are not new. New York City has about four, but their students are chosen selectively, not wholesale. California takes almost any high school graduate in a junior college near his home. They have seventy-one such junior colleges. Many of the courses are described as bread-and-butter courses, vocational and otherwise. These are not time-killing busy work, but strong technical training for automation.

According to a recent release by the County Superintendent 24 percent of the 1963 graduates of public high schools went to college. An additional 22 percent entered other schools such as vocational, technical, business, nursing, etc., some of which may not have been for long terms. About 33 per cent went to work or in apprentice training. The armed service took about 11 per cent. These categories account for all but about 10 percent, most of whom were shown at home. Our own district showed a very high rate of graduates in college, 38 per cent.

It takes something besides a free ticket to put a student through college. Many children of the wealthy turn out to be failures. At present many student aids such as scholarships are available.

Of course, there is no question that present colleges are hard put to keep up with expanding enrollment. They could not accommodate anywhere near all the high school graduates. This would require a lot of additional two-year colleges in most areas, which in the end might relieve some of the excessive enrollment in existing colleges.

There might be an effort in some areas to simply add two more years to existing schools, making a kind of junior college in doing so. This might simplify transportation and dormitory problems. What it would do to local taxes is something else.

At present there is supposed to be an acute shortage of trained teachers at all levels, especially in colleges where enrollment is increasing by leaps and bounds. Proponents of the new plan are conspicuously silent as to where they intend to get enough teachers to add two more years of effective college grade work. But the professional associations are not blind to the fact that increasing the teaching force in public schools by maybe fifteen to twenty percent is sure to make a lot of very good jobs for someone, and therefore all for it.

But making free college education for everyone at public expense still looks like the wrong approach. "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink."

## Only Yesterday

Ten, Twenty and Thirty Years Ago In The Dallas Post

### 30 Years Ago

Poor condition of part of Center Hill Road brought a Grand Jury indictment against Dallas Borough and Township.

Borough Council asked 23 delinquent taxpayers to work out their taxes on Borough Streets.

Two trucks pulled the trailer moving a large bronze birch to the Demunds Road home of W. G. Payne, Jr., from his father's yard in Kingston.

The early life of Alexander J. Dallas was told by Anne Dorrance. Unusually large shipments of raw furs, mostly skunk, went through the local express office during the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Stock, Shavertown, celebrated their fifty-first wedding anniversary.

Public Service Commission approved Lehigh Valley's request to discontinue passenger service between Wilkes-Barre and Sayre along the Bowman's Creek Branch.

George Lewis and the PTA gave land to Lehman School for an athletic field.

6th Grade honor roll at Monroe Township: Wilbur Bigelow, Emma Stevio, Herbert Goodwin, Clara and Isabelle Smith.

Married: Lillian Frances Jones and Lewis Lord, Jr.

Died: Nelson J. Booth, formerly of Trucksville and Lehman, in California.

You could buy a loaf of bread for 10 cents, 2 pounds of preserves for 29 cents, 2 cans of codfish cakes for 25 cents, lean chuck roast for 10 cents a pound. Flower and vegetable seeds were 5 cents a packet.

### 20 Years Ago

Cpl. James LaBar, Dallas, an armorer in Italy, was the subject of an article by Ernie Pyle.

Thomas Stash, Dallas Township, collected 4,215 pounds of waste paper in February.

Girl Scouts were collecting old phonograph records.

In the Outpost: Carl Bruns, FPO, N.Y.; Elwood Hoover, Hawaii; Bob Davis, South Pacific; Don Metzger, England; Bernard Novicki, Middle East; Ken Davis, Postmaster, N. Y.; Walter Meade, Fort Bliss, Texas; Earl Williams, Hunter, Field, Ga.; Roy King, Sampson, N. Y.

Mrs. Emma DeWitt, 92, celebrated her 92nd birthday on Leap Day.

Golden Wedding: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gansel, Dallas.

Silver Wedding: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dungey, Dallas.

Married: Rose Bonisetta and Gordon Austin.

Died: Mary Brobst, 79, Carverton; Thomas Davis, 58, Dallas; Romaine Trumbower, 4, Hunlock's Creek; John Kelley, in Italy; Whispell boy, 4, Evans Falls.

Soy flour is 12 cents a pound; strained baby food, 3 cans for 20 cents, 1 point each; chopped baby food, 2 points, 9 cents a can.

### 10 Years Ago

Lehman-Jackson-Ross joint school board considered repairs to old buildings and the possibility of a larger jointure.

Three Westmoreland students were in County Forensic competitions: Josephine Krispin, John Johnson, David Vann.

Franklin Patton, Noxen, was injured by a falling piano.

Marilyn Mosier, Dallas-Franklin School, was picked to play clarinet in the State Band for the second year.

Mrs. Malcolm Nelson became the first president of Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company Auxiliary.

600 new homes were built from 1950 to 1954 in Dallas Borough and Dallas, Kingston and Lehman Townships.

Alden's Mill, Alderson, was razed; timbers from the landmark would be used by Mr. and Mrs. Burton King in a ranch house to be built on the site.

Kingston Township Ambulance drive netted \$2,500 in two weeks.

Married: Helen Tarasovic and John Brewster; Mable Marie Ide and Robert H. Thomas.

Died: Mrs. Henrietta Deater, 86, Harvey's Lake, at Emmaus; R. H. Davenport, 64, Sweet Valley; James A. Lord, 64, Chase; Harry Layaou 63, Hunlock's Creek; Eleanor Atkinson, 92, Dallas.

Strained baby food was 6 cans for 59 cents; junior foods, 4 for 59 cents.

## Ellis D. Ellsworth, 87, Buried At Overfield

The community extends sympathy to Joseph A. Ellsworth, member of the faculty of Lake-Lehman high school, who lost his father by death Sunday afternoon. Ellis D. Ellsworth, 87, of Craige Hill, was buried yesterday in Overfield Cemetery, Meshoppen.

Until five years ago, he operated a dairy farm, and was also a collector of antiques. He belonged to a number of Masonic organizations. In addition to a son on the faculty at Lake-Lehman, he has a son Clarence on the faculty at Pennsylvania State University.

John Layaou, Lehman Avenue, spotted robins on Claude Street while delivering papers with Damon Young.

## From— Pillar To Post...

By Hix

It seems odd not to be expecting a litter of kittens on St. Patrick's Day this year. When the children were small, and prone to drag in waifs from the street to add to the cat population, kittens for March 17 were standard procedure.

The small damp objects were usually discovered in somebody's clothes closet, where a sweater had dropped (or was it pushed?) to the floor in a dark corner.

Alley cats have a way of attending to their own problems, without benefit of veterinary service, and the family cats were always genus alley. The one time the family departed from custom and welcomed an Angora cat into the fold, it turned out to be a big mistake.

The beautiful orange job kept getting "lost" and neighborhood urchins who could use a dollar, customarily brought her back for a reward. When it was obvious that the thing was getting to be a racket, and the Angora had eaten up her purchase price in rewards, the last hopeful child was told that he could keep the kitty. This completely unwelcome gift set him back on his heels. He went off bemused, the Angora dangling limply from his arm.

And right after that, a small black and white kitten patty-pawed on the welcome mat. Tuxedo never got lost. Only Angoras get lost. Or Siamese.

The cat that was as punctual as clockwork about delivering the goods on St. Patrick's Day, went into a clinch with a large Manx cat one January, and the outcome was a litter of four kittens minus tails.

Willie looked upon her offspring, found them delightfully different, and took notes.

And the following year, on March 17, she demonstrated that cats have not only nine lives, but long memories. The kittens, outcome of a whirlwind romance with a mammoth tiger cat, looked to Willie a little redundant.

Too much tail entirely, she reflected, correcting the error by biting off the tails at the first joint and leaving a delicate bit of vertebra per kitten.

But by the next year, Willie had reverted to type, and kittens with tails looked normal to her. The pugilistic Manx cat which had struck terror into the hearts of other lesser tom-felines of the neighborhood, had long since been gathered to his reward, and things were rocking along without further anomalies of nature.

Kittens rejoiced once more in tails, and Willie blissfully forgot that extra clean-up job which had so horrified the family, and precipitated a hurry visit to the SPCA.

## Heads St. Patrick's Party

William O'Brien has been appointed chairman of the affair by Commander George Cave. Leonard Harvey will serve as co-chairman.

Babe Burke will play all the old Irish songs and will lead a community sing. A Ham and Cabbage dish will be served.

The Legion will hold its regular meeting on March 13 with Commander Cave presiding. Plans for the Spaghetti Supper to be held April 13 will be completed at this meeting.

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## Rev. Kraft Is Better

Local friends will be glad to hear that Rev. Henry Kraft, former pastor of St. Luke's Church, Noxen, has left the Lakeland Hospital, where he had been a patient since March 7.

## Thomas John Reese Dies At Nesbitt

Stricken with a severe heart attack Monday afternoon as he was recuperating from an earlier seizure, Thomas John Reese, 66, 129 Perrin Avenue, Shavertown, passed away Thursday morning in Nesbitt Hospital, where he had been a patient for three weeks.

A friendly man and a good neighbor, his death brought shocked dismay to the Shavertown community where he had lived for the past 25 years.

Born in Wales, the son of the late Obadiah and Salina Evans Reese, he came to this country at the age of seven. He was employed as a yard man at Luzerne Lumber Company until he retired two years ago.

A member of Shavertown Methodist Church, he was active in its Men's Bible Class.

He is survived by his wife, the former Alice Brace, a teacher, and son, James, Trucksville. Also one granddaughter, Laura Reese.

Services were held Saturday morning from the Dique Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Yost officiating. Interment was in Idetown Cemetery.

## Wild Geese Flying

The crocus count is under way, early robins are here, and wild geese are going over. Some of the area folks who saw the wavering wedges this past weekend include Earl Vian Jr., Centerville, and Mrs. Mary Lamoreaux, Chase.

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